

## Obituaries

**Dr. Edgar W. Allin**, of Edmonton, Alta. To the members of the medical profession especially and to the citizens of Edmonton and surrounding country, among whom he has been so well known and universally loved and respected for many years, the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Edgar W. Allin on July 15th, came as a great shock. Apparently in his usual state of health, he had performed four major operations in the morning and an emergency operation for appendicitis in the evening, after which he went driving in his car, collapsing at the wheel as he stopped in front of his brother's home. It may literally be stated that he died in harness, engaged to the last in the work he loved so well.

To few members of the medical profession has it been given to establish so many warm and intimate friendships as he among his confrères in practice, to whom he was at all times a jovial friend, hospitable and generous in the extreme. Recognized as one of the ablest surgeons in Canada, he was a never failing friend to all in need whether among his medical friends or the public generally. Quite regardless of the financial condition of the patient, he was always ready to respond, day or night, to calls from his professional friends in city or country, who desired his special ability in critical cases of surgery. It was often remarked by his confrères that he appeared to take, if possible, a greater pleasure in ministering to the poor and needy than to those more fortunate. The sudden termination of his activities as a surgeon at the age of 58, is a heavy loss to the medical profession in Edmonton, one and all of whom greatly deplore his passing.

The funeral was very largely attended on July 18th from McDougall United Church of which he was an honoured member. During his career in Edmonton he was a member of the Boards of St. Stephen's College and Alberta College and was Vice-president and Medical Referee of the Commercial Life Assurance Company of Canada, and to his ability and wise judgment as medical director much of the success of that young Company since its inception may be attributed. Apart from his devotion to his profession, he took a great interest in agriculture, owning a large farm near Edmonton, on which he specialized in raising poultry, thoroughbred live stock, and seed grain.

Born on September 14, 1875, on a farm near Bowmanville, Ont., Dr. Allin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Allin, matriculated from the Bowmanville High School, attended the Model School at Port Hope, after which he taught school for two years. He then went to Trinity Medical College Toronto, graduating with the degrees of M.D., C.M., in 1902, and the silver medal for general proficiency. Taking up post-graduate work in England he obtained the diploma of M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.R.C.P. London, in 1903. He then held appointments at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, and at the Prince of Wales Hospital in London for several years. Finally he returned to Canada, his native land, practising in Toronto for one year on the staff of the Orthopaedic Hospital and in 1908 came to Edmonton where he has since resided. He was made a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons and was honoured by being made a vice-president of that body in 1916. He was for one year president of the Edmonton Academy of Medicine and for a similar period of time president of the Alberta Medical Association.

Dr. Allin suffered a heavy blow in the double bereavement which came to him in May, 1932, when his wife and daughter, Leila, died within eight hours of each other. The surviving relatives are three daughters, Marjorie, Dorothy and Rosalind, and one

son, Dr. Eardley Allin, now in England, who recently passed the primary examination for F.R.C.S. Eng. There are also five surviving brothers and one sister, Albert H., John E., Wesley R., S. E. Allin and Miss Annie Allin all of Bowmanville, Ontario, and Dr. Norman Allin, specialist in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, of Edmonton.

Many people in the community, including the writer of this article, to whom his valuable services have been rendered during the last quarter of a century will continue to remember with gratitude and appreciation the kindly friend and skilful surgeon who has passed on.

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**Dr. Léo Blais** died on July 10th at the age of 55. He was born at Lévis in 1878, studied at the school there and later took his medical course at the University of Laval, Quebec, where he graduated in 1904. He practised at Lac Mégantic for a great many years. He was one of the governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec.

**Dr. Joseph Alfred Choquette**, of Lewiston, Maine, died in Montreal at the age of 57 years. He pursued his studies at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and at Laval University of Montreal receiving his diploma at the latter institution in 1902. He practised his profession between 1913 and 1929 in Montreal, when he returned to Lewiston. He was father of the well known Canadian poet, Robert Choquette.

**Dr. James Henry Cully**, of Pembroke, Ont., died at his home on July 19, 1933, after a lingering illness. Born in Pembroke thirty-seven years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cully, the late Dr. Cully received his education at Pembroke Separate School, the Pembroke Collegiate Institute and McGill University, from which institution he graduated in medicine in 1921.

**Dr. Eugene Decarreaux**, of Saint-Augustin, Que., died on August 8, 1933. He was in his 58th year. He had practised for more than thirty years in Saint-Augustin. He was a graduate of Laval University (1901).

**Dr. J. -Odion Drouin**, of St. Alexis de Grande-Baie, Que., died suddenly on July 29, 1933. He was 58 years old. He received his degree at Laval University in 1900.

**Dr. Edward G. Gillis** died suddenly at his home in Kensington, Prince Edward Island, August 7th, at the age of 57 years. He had been in poor health for some months.

Dr. Gillis graduated from McGill University in 1899. He began his professional career in Kensington, and has remained in active practice there until his last illness.

**Dr. Edmund James Johnstone**, of Sydney, N.S., a general practitioner and port medical officer of Sydney, died on July 13, 1933, after a nine months' illness, in his 75th year. He was widely known in Masonry in the Maritimes, being a life-long member of the local Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, A.F. & A.M.

A native of Sydney, Dr. Johnstone studied at Dalhousie; Guy's Hospital, London; Bellevue Hospital, New York, and Edinburgh University, taking his M.D. degree from the Bellevue Hospital Medical School in 1882, and immediately took up practice in Sydney. He was superintendent of medical services for the British Empire Steel Corporation from the day of its inception and had an extensive private practice throughout the district.

Surviving him are his widow, formerly Caroline Kavanaugh, of Sydney; two sons, Edmund M. Johnstone, of the Bank of Montreal, Sydney, and Murray Johnstone, of Sydney; three daughters, Mrs. Harold Kayser, of Syracuse, N.Y.; Mrs. Carr Stewart, of Brockton, Mass., and Miss Helen Johnstone, at home; one sister, Miss L. B. Johnstone, of Halifax, and a brother, Dr. L. W. Johnstone, of Sydney Mines, M.P. for Cape Breton North.

**Dr. Alfred E. Long**, formerly of Tyne Valley, P.E.I., passed away on July 26th, in Vancouver, at the age of 84. The late Dr. Long was born in Fredericton, N.B., graduated at the University of New Brunswick, and later studied at Harvard. He retired from practice in 1912, and had lived quietly in Vancouver, since. A week before his demise, he and Mrs. Long celebrated their golden wedding.

**Dr. George Cameron McGibbon**, of Honeywood, Ont., died in the Allandale Hospital on July 27, 1933, in his 62nd year. Eldest son of Donald and Isabel Cameron McGibbon, he was born at Rock Glen, Lambton County, in 1871, and educated at the Arkona Public School, Parkhill High School and Ottawa Normal School. On graduating he taught school for five years, entering Trinity Medical College in 1895, and graduating with honours in 1899, after which he took up practice in Honeywood with Dr. Tufferd.

For thirty years Dr. McGibbon was medical health officer for the Township of Mulmur, County of Dufferin. He was secretary-treasurer of the public school, Honeywood, for many years. An eager student and reader, he established the first reading library in Honeywood, donating many books to the same. At the time of his death he was a member of the Ontario Historical Society.

A keen student in science, politics, medicine and history, he had amassed a large private library which contains some very rare volumes. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics an ardent Conservative, being nominated several times both to the provincial and Federal houses. He was a life member of the Arkona Masonic Lodge, No. 307, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Dr. McGibbon was married twice. His first marriage was to Miss Maude Herbert, of Warwick, who predeceased him in 1908, leaving an infant son. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Helen McCullough, of Barrie, in 1924.

Dr. McGibbon was a member of a prominent and distinguished medical family, having five brothers as doctors; two sisters are nurses and one sister is married to a doctor. He is survived by his widow and young daughter, Isabel, at home, his son, Herbert, at Winnipeg; two brothers, Dr. Peter McGibbon, M.P., Bracebridge; Dr. Donald McGibbon, Los Angeles, and three sisters, Mrs. Blain, Hamilton, Mrs. James Detreville, New Orleans, and Mrs. McPherson, of Windsor.

**Col. T. J. F. Murphy**, of St. Johns, Que., died in Montreal on July 6, 1933. Col. Thomas Joseph Francis Murphy, D.S.O., M.D., (R.C.A.M.C., retired), was born in Arklow, County of Wicklow, Ireland, on December 21, 1864, the son of Dr. Martin Murphy, I.S.O., D.Sc., M.E.I.C. He received his early education at Rimouski College, and later was a student at Memramcook College. He also studied at Clongowes, Ireland, Dalhousie College, Halifax, N.S., and at the Bellevue Medical College, from which he graduated in 1888 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

He began his medical practice at Burgeo, Newfoundland, but three years later, in 1891, moved to New York where he remained until 1897. He then went to Halifax and was made visiting surgeon to the Victoria General Hospital there in 1900. In 1905

he was appointed captain in the permanent Army Medical Corps, stationed at Halifax. Five years later he was transferred to Quebec City. A year later he removed to St. Johns, Que., where he remained until 1915, when he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Dr. Murphy was second in command, and subsequently commanding officer of the Sixth Canadian Field Ambulance. In September, 1918, he was appointed A.D.M.S. of Witley Camp, and later of Bramshott. He returned to Canada late in 1919, first going to Saint John, N.B., and then to London, Ont. He retired on December 21, 1927, with the rank of colonel, and since that time had practised medicine at St. Johns, Que. Dr. Murphy was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, with bar.

A member of the Church of England, Dr. Murphy was rector's warden of St. James' Church, St. Johns, at the time of his death. In politics he was a Conservative.

Dr. Murphy married Miss Mary Silver Payne, of Moncton, N.B., in 1888, who survives, along with three sons, Martin Payne, and Thomas Payne, both of Montreal, and Arthur Payne, of Welland, Ont., and a daughter, Mollie Payne, wife of Dr. Albert Ross, of Montreal.

**Dr. Albert A. Sharp** died suddenly at his home in Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, August 7, at the age of 47. He was in apparent good health until ten days previous to death, when he developed symptoms of coronary thrombosis. Dr. Sharp graduated from McGill University 1916. He went overseas with the McGill General Hospital, later transferring to the Royal Army Medical Corps. During this period he was awarded the Military Cross.

After the War Dr. Sharp practised for a short time at Wellington, Prince Edward Island. He then moved to Central Bedeque, where he has remained during the past ten years. As physician and man, his ability, coupled with a kind and unassuming disposition, endeared him to both fellow practitioners and patients. His premature death will be a very real loss to the medical profession of Prince Edward Island. His many friends throughout Canada will join in our expression of sincere sympathy to his bereaved wife and family.

**Dr. Edwin George Wood**, died July 10, 1933, at Carmel, Calif., in his 73rd year. He was a graduate of McGill University (1885).

**Dr. Thomas A. Wright**, a highly esteemed citizen of Calgary, and for forty-four years a practitioner in western Canada died on July 28, 1933, in his seventy-first year. He was born in Renfrew County, Ontario, where he received his early education. He graduated from Queen's College, Kingston, in 1888, and in 1889 from Trinity College, Toronto. In 1889 he made his home in Russell, Manitoba, where for a number of years he was coroner, remaining there until 1911 when he came to Calgary where until a few months before his death he was in active practice. In politics he was an ardent Liberal and was a candidate for political honours at Russell in 1907.

Dr. Wright was for many years active in Masonic work and was a past master of Russell Lodge, Man., A.F. & A.M. and a member of Perfection Lodge, Calgary. He was an enthusiastic curler and for a number of years a member of the Calgary Curling Club. He leaves a wife and two daughters and three sons, Dr. Leslie Wright, of Hamilton, Ont., and Dr. Herbert W. Wright, of Calgary, both of whom are dentists and Dr. Victor W. Wright, a physician of Calgary.